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1. The "Five Provinces' Administration Bureau" (O To Haeng Chong Kuk) (五道行政局) of the North Korean Government maintains liaison between the North Korean Government and the Soviet Military Government authorities in North Korea, but has no real administrative functions in the North Korean Government. It is composed of the head of the bureau and the chairmen of the various provincial People's Committees and a large staff of Soviet and Korean office workers, translators and interpreters. 25X1A
2. Although the North Korean Government has six provinces, each province having its own People's Committee, the bureau is called the "Five Provinces' Administration Bureau", because the Soviet Military Government authorities have, for administrative purposes, considered South Hamgyong (Kankyo) Province and that part of Kangwon (Kogen) Province north of the 38th parallel as one province.
3. The head of the bureau is CH'OE Yong-kon (崔庸健) who is a member of the Korean Democratic Party and holds the (? honorary?) rank of general in the Soviet Army 25X1

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